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UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN SYSTEM  
HIGHER EDUCATIONAL AIDS BOARD

Omnibus Motion  
[LFB Papers #365 to 367, #675 to 683]

Motion:

Move to make the following modifications to the bill related to the University of Wisconsin System:

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1. *PR Appropriation Balances:* Direct the UW System to develop an appropriate methodology to calculate the tuition and extension fees appropriation balances and other relevant appropriation balances. Require the UW System to submit this proposed methodology to the Joint Audit Committee by September 1, 2013, for its review and approval. In addition, require the UW System to submit proposed appropriation balance limits for the UW System as a whole, and for individual UW institutions and related reporting requirements, by January 1, 2014, to the Joint Finance Committee for approval through a 14-day passive review process. Further, require the submission for JFC approval to also include UW System policies regarding: (1) the annual distribution of tuition revenues and state GPR funds to UW institutions; and (2) the expenditure of GPR funds and tuition revenues during the fiscal year.

In addition, adopt Alternative #B1 of Paper #675, which would specify that undergraduate, resident tuition in 2013-14 and 2014-15 cannot exceed the amount charged at each institution in 2012-13. Specify that only differential tuitions approved prior to June 1, 2011, would be exempt from this limit. In addition, specify that the allocable portion of segregated fees charged at each UW institution in 2013-14 and 2014-15 cannot exceed the amount charged in 2012-13.

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2. *GPR Funding Increase and Compensation Plans:* Adopt Alternative #4 of Paper #676 which would transfer the GPR funding provided for compensation increases for UW employees to the compensation reserve and delete the related statutory language. In addition, delay the effective date of provisions adopted under 2011 Act 32 related to the creation of personnel systems for UW employees that would be separate from the state personnel system until July 1, 2015. Specify that the personnel systems would have to be approved by the Joint Committee on Employment Relations before they could take effect. [-\$32,388,500 GPR and \$32,388,500 GPR compensation reserves in 2013-14 and -\$57,056,000 GPR and \$57,056,000 GPR compensation reserves in 2014-15]

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3. *Base Budget Reduction:* Reduce the UW System's GPR general program operations appropriation by \$32,844,300 annually.

60264 4. *Incentive Grants:* Adopt Alternative #A2 of Paper #677 which would delete \$10,000,000 GPR annually and require the Board of Regents to allocate \$10,000,000 in each year of the biennium from its program revenue appropriation for general operations to the new incentive grant program. In addition, adopt alternatives #B2, #B4, and #B5. The alternatives would: (1) specify that grants awarded for the creation or expansion of programs, courses, or services could be awarded for a period of up three years; (2) require the Board of Regents to jointly determine with DWD high-demand fields for workers with bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees and permit the Board of Regents to award grants to increase the number of degrees awarded by UW institutions in those fields instead of fields jointly determined by DWD and the WTCS Board; (3) require the Board of Regents and the UW-Madison Chancellor to include the goals, results, and budget for each program that was awarded funds through the incentive grant program and, in the case of the report submitted by the Board of Regents, a systemwide summary of this information in the annual accountability report submitted to the Governor and the Legislature; and (4) require the Board of Regents and the UW-Madison Chancellor to include the following measures in the annual accountability reports: (a) economic development programs undertaken; (b) the number of degrees awarded in fields for which the occupational demand is high or in fields that are jointly determined by DWD and the Board of Regents to be high-demand fields; (c) the number of students participating in internships and cooperative work experiences; (d) the average time required to obtain a degree; (e) the number of high school pupils who have earned credit at UW institutions; and (f) improvements made in the transfer of credit between institutions of higher education. In addition, require that the plan that would be submitted by the Board of Regents to the DOA Secretary for his or her approval also be submitted to the Joint Committee on Finance for approval under a 14-day passive review process. B.4. (See 3/8/27(2) (d)) B.2 B.5

60230 PB 5. *Carbone Cancer Center:* Adopt Alternatives #2, 3, and 4 of Paper #678 which would delete \$3,750,000 GPR in 2013-14 and the related appropriation and require the Board of Regents to allocate \$3,750,000 over the biennium from its program revenue appropriation for general program operations for translational imaging research. Specify that these funds must be drawn from PR appropriation balances held by UW System. In addition, delete the language requiring the Carbone Cancer Center to submit a fundraising plan to the DOA Secretary and instead specify that the Carbone Cancer Center could not expend the program revenue identified for this purpose until it has demonstrated that \$3,750,000 from federal, private, and other sources has been secured for the same purpose. Require the Carbone Cancer Center to submit an expenditure plan to the Joint Committee on Finance for approval through a 14-day passive review process and specify that none of the funds provided may be expended until that plan has been approved.

60229 PB 6. *Funding for Medical School Programs:* Adopt Alternative #2 of Paper #679 which would delete \$1,500,000 GPR annually provided under the bill for this purpose and instead require the Board of Regents to allocate \$1,500,000 in each year of the biennium from its program revenue appropriation for general program operations for the WARM and TRIUMPH programs.

60280 7. *Flexible Option:* Adopt Alternative #2 of Paper #680 which would delete \$650,000 GPR in 2013-14 and \$1,300,000 GPR in 2014-15 and 13.0 GPR positions provided under the bill for this purpose and instead require the Board of Regents to allocate the same amounts of funding from its program revenue appropriation for general program operations for the flexible option.

annual tuition of \$2,500 allowing students to earn an associate's degree for \$5,000 or less. The program has already been granted approval by the regional accrediting agency and is currently the only competency-based program approved by the U.S. Department of Education to participate in federal financial aid programs. Similar to what is proposed for the UW Flexible Options, the competencies mastered by students enrolled in the USNH associate's degree program will be translated to traditional course credits to allow students to transfer to four-year programs.

21. Capella University, a private, for-profit institution that is also seeking accreditation from HLC for its competency-based programs, has launched eight competency-based courses in the areas of business and business administration. Similar to the competency-based associate's degree program at USNH, Capella University's pilot program is open only to employees of the Capella University's corporate partners or of the University itself. Students enrolled in the competency-based courses are charged tuition by the academic quarter and can take up to two courses a quarter. Tuition for competency-based courses is \$2,000 per quarter for undergraduate students and \$2,200 per quarter for students enrolled in masters of business administration courses. As Capella has not yet received approval from HLC, competencies mastered through the courses are converted to credits to allow students to be eligible for federal financial aid.

22. In a letter to the Committee dated May 15, 2013, the Secretary of the Department of Administration (DOA) recommended that funding for flexible option be provided through the UW System's program revenue block grant appropriation instead of the UW System's GPR general program operations appropriation, and that the \$1,950,000 GPR of funding for this purpose be deleted. Using this approach, the Committee could require the Board of Regents to allocate \$650,000 in 2013-14 and \$1,300,000 in 2014-15 from its PR appropriation for general program operations for the flexible option program.

## ALTERNATIVES

1. Approve the Governor's recommendation.

2. Modify the provision as recommended by the DOA Secretary in his May 15 letter to the Committee, including: (a) delete \$650,000 GPR in 2013-14 and \$1,300,000 GPR in 2014-15 with 13.0 GPR positions; and (b) require the Board of Regents to allocate corresponding amounts from its program revenue appropriation for general program operations for flexible option.

ALT 2	Change to Bill	
	Funding	Positions
GPR	- \$1,950,000	- 13.00

3. Delete provision. Under this alternative, the UW System Board of Regents, at its discretion, could continue to fund the development of flexible option programs within its base budget.

ALT 3	Change to Bill	
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GPR	- \$1,950,000	- 13.00

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# UW FLEXIBLE OPTION

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### Questions and Answers about the UW Flexible Option

Since the announcement of the UW Flexible Option in late November, many questions have been asked about this innovative way for working adults to earn college degrees, certificates and credits. While many details of the programs are still in development, we offer these answers to the most common questions.

#### What is the UW Flexible Option?

The UW Flexible Option is an innovative way to make UW degree and certificate programs more accessible, convenient, and affordable for adult and nontraditional students. Built on the long-standing foundation of high-quality degree programs offered by University of Wisconsin System campuses, the new UW Flexible Option will include self-paced, competency-based degree and certificate programs that allow students to progress toward degrees and obtain certificates by demonstrating knowledge they have acquired through prior coursework, military training, on-the-job training, and other learning experiences.

Faculty from University of Wisconsin System campuses will develop competencies, sets of skills and knowledge, that they consider necessary for a student to have before earning a UW college degree. Students enrolled in UW Flexible Option programs make progress toward a degree by passing a series of assessments that demonstrate mastery of these competencies. Students in a UW Flexible Option program may use the knowledge they have acquired through prior coursework, military and on-the-job training, and other learning experiences, and may take assessments whenever they are ready. As they prepare for assessments, students acquire knowledge and instruction from a wide variety of sources, working with a UW success coach adviser and progressing at their own pace.

#### Which degrees will be offered in the new UW Flexible Option format?

#### How will the UW Flexible Option degree programs be developed?

#### What are assessments and how will they work?

#### How is the UW Flexible Option different from traditional UW degree programs?

#### How will students benefit from the UW Flexible Option?

#### Who should choose the UW Flexible Option?

#### How much will it cost?

#### If students are not in classes with other students and professors, what kinds of support can they expect to help them succeed?

#### Will work experience count for credit?

#### What does "self-paced" mean?

#### Can students transfer completed competencies earned through the UW Flexible Option to other universities?

#### Will employers value degrees obtained through the UW Flexible Option?

#### Can students use open courses from other universities?

#### Where can students find more information about the UW Flexible Option?

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